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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: CENTCOM CDR PETRAEUS MEETS PRESIDENT
NAZARVAYEV, JANUARY 14

Classified By: Ambassador Richard E. Hoagland: 1.4 (B), (D)

1. (S) SUMMARY: President Nazarbayev told CENTCOM Commander General Petraeus:
-- the situation in Afghanistan greatly worries him; the Taliban should never be allowed to become a coalition partner in the Afghan government
-- Iran cannot be allowed to become a nuclear state, but the United States needs to talk directly with Tehran, and he is willing to be helpful;
-- Kazakhstan will never again be "colonized," but has excellent relations with Russia and China
-- the West has underestimated the depth of Russia's wounded pride, but he is willing to be helpful if the Obama administration has "a wise res
2. (SBU) U.S. Central Command Commander General David Petraeus met with Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev on January 14 for twice th
- AFGHANISTAN
3. (S) General Petraeus thanked President Nazarbayev for the recent formal ratification of the long-existing over-flight and divert agreements
4. (S) Nazarbayev told General Petraeus, "You're aware of Afghan history; no foreign country ever succeeded in invasion. Afghans have to gover
- IRAN
5. (S) Nazarbayev judged that Iran is a problem in the region, and General Petraeus fully agreed. Nazarbayev said, "I have good contacts among
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fully gave up that status. I tell them it would be to their benefit to be non-nuclear. That would draw new assistance and investment." General
6. (S) Nazarbayev added he has discussed Iran's nuclear ambitions with Russian President Medvedev and Prime Minister Putin: "I emphasize to th
- RUSSIA
7. (S) General Petraeus told President Nazarbayev Kazakhstan's special relationship with Russia is not a problem for the United States. "It's
8. (S) Nazarbayev said the West had made real mistakes after the collapse of the Soviet Union by not treating Yeltsin with respect. He said Ye
9. (S) NOTE: While waiting for Nazarbayev to enter the meeting room, General Petraeus ask Foreign Policy Adviser Sarybay why Kazakhstan had mc
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Astana. Sarybay answered, "There are probably 20 different reasons people give. In fact, in the first few years of independence, several maps a
10. (S) COMMENT: Nazarbayev looked as fit as ever and was very well-briefed, discussing details of the U.S.-Kazakhstan military relationship w
11. (U) General Petraeus has cleared this cable. HOAGLAND